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For: MULTI-PURPOSE TOOL FOR A FRONT
END LOADER OF A TRACTOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Statement in accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. This Statement is filed in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b)(3), before issuance of a First Office Action on the merits.

1. U.S. Patent 2,652,939, issued September 22, 1953, to Burch;
2. U.S. Patent 2,908,409, issued October 13, 1959, to Hinders et al;
3. U.S. Patent 3,165,345, issued January 12, 1965, to Gardner;
4. U.S. Patent 3,455,477, issued July 15, 1969, to Blair;
5. U.S. Patent 3,802,731, issued April 9, 1974, to La Bounty;
6. U.S. Patent 4,285,628, issued August 25, 1981, to Jankowski;
7. U.S. Patent 4,372,063, issued February 8, 1983, to Work;
8. U.S. Patent 4,818,005, issued April 4, 1989, to Purser;
9. U.S. Patent 5,516,174, issued May 14, 1996, to Squyres;

10. U.S. Patent 5,564,885, issued October 15, 1996, to Staben Jr.;
11. U.S. Patent 5,890,754, issued April 6, 1999, to Murr;
12. U.S. Patent 5,971,455, issued October 26, 1999, to Wolin et al;
13. U.S. Patent 5,975,604, issued November 2, 1999, to Wolin et al;
14. U.S. Patent 6,176,531, issued January 23, 2001, to Wheeler;
15. U.S. Published Patent Application 2001/0038790, published November 8, 2001, to Evans;
16. U.S. Patent 6,357,993, issued March 19, 2002, to Burton.

A copy of each reference, together with a listing on Form PTO-1449, is submitted.

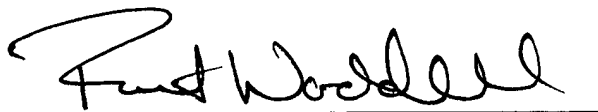
U.S. Patent 5,564,885 is discussed in the specification of the subject application at page 2.

U.S. Patents 4,285,628, 4,372,063, 6,357,993, 2,652,939, 2,908,409, 3,165,345, 3,455,477, and 6,176,531 are discussed in the specification of the subject application at page 3.

U.S. Published Patent Application 2001/0038790 is discussed in the specification of the subject application at pages 3 and 4.

Applicants request the Examiner's consideration of the cited references and entry of them into the record of this application.

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